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Is Downtown Dying?



A woman looks in an antique store window in downtown Fredericksburg.

By Sunday Frey
Bullet Staff Writer

Walking down a frozen Caroline Street in downtown Fredericksburg, senior Mary Beth Fields stopped to stare through the window of an antique store front. The store she came to visit, Main Street Books, closed down, along with several other downtown Fredericksburg businesses during the past few weeks.

"This is really upsetting. I hate to see any bookstore close. I could

always count on this place for a good book," said Fields, a Caroline Street resident.

Walking down Caroline Street, nestled in with the antique stores, unique specialty stores and a variety of restaurants are several stores that did not survive in downtown Fredericksburg. Although some local residents are saddened by these losses and said they fear that downtown is dying, veteran business owners downtown said that some store closings are natural in the downtown business

environment.

"People move out, more people move in. They're always playing musical stores," said Graham Corbel, one of the owners of Corky's, a specialty store established seven years ago in downtown Fredericksburg. According to many long term business owners, the winter months of January and February are when most downtown stores go out of business.

"You have people that open up to make some money, try to make profits through the holidays and then

move on. Then there are the serious business people who try to slug it out no matter what," said Pam Wilson, a manager at Irish Eyes.

The businesses that are closing are those which cannot establish a solid customer base to compete with the malls and other shopping centers or do not have a unique enough flavor to draw downtown shoppers.

"You have to keep an ear out for what people want, and be out there shopping all the time to keep one

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Senate Passes Plan To Reorganize Student Finance Committee

By Kendra Williams
Bullet Features Editor

At the Feb. 2 meeting, the student senate approved an unprecedented proposal that would allow the Finance Committee to officially break from the Student Association and organize as an independent entity. If the executive cabinet approves the motion, the decision will be in the hands of the students during the Feb. 24 SA school-wide elections.

The structure of the Finance Committee, which allocates funds to student organizations, would be revised to avoid conflicts of interest. Six of the eight committee members currently serve as members of other student organizations. SA President Len Ornstein and Vice President Heather Mullins had been required to serve on the finance committee, and in turn, allocate funds to their own organization.

The committee drafted a new constitution which introduces changes to the old constitution including revising the process of electing Finance Committee members and eliminating reserved seats for student senators, the SA president and vice president.

The revised constitution would also alter the manner in which other committee members are elected. As the constitution stands now, in order to become a member of the Finance Committee, a student is nominated in senate and then voted into office by the members of senate. According to Ben Sutton, chairman of the Finance Committee, the most radical change in the proposed constitution is the election of finance members in fall

campus-wide elections.

Each member would serve a term of one full year. Five members would serve from spring to fall and five would serve from fall to spring.

Mullins said that rotating elections would eliminate the dilemma of having a brand new committee each year to tackle the complex financial issues without prior experience, and would instead maintain five experienced members each semester.

"The point is to have an experienced committee all year round," Mullins said.

But Ornstein, whose suggestions to the committee were not accepted, said he does not support the proposal.

"Finance committee members shouldn't be elected in school-wide

elections) because finance deals with money and I don't see how that's campaignable. That way, it's too easy for someone to run and say, 'Hey, vote for me and I'll make sure your club gets money,' or even, 'Hey, vote for me and I'll make sure that other club doesn't get money,'" Ornstein said.

Mullins, however, said she believes that nominating five of the 10 members through the senate will serve as a kind of check-and-balance.

"I think [finance committee members] were afraid to put all of the power in the hands of the campus," Mullins said. "[Senate nominees] are going to have to do qualification sheets instead of the 30 seconds and standing up in front of senate talking about their qualifications. Plus, there is a better chance to get somebody

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Final State Budget Cuts In 'State Of Flux'

By Michelle Bowman
Bullet Assistant News Editor

Former Governor of Virginia Douglas Wilder ended his term with small funding increases for Mary Washington College. But college administrators say they are not sure what to expect from George Allen,

the new republican governor.

Marjorie Poock, executive assistant to President William Anderson, said it is too early into Allen's term to predict the final outcome of the college's budget.

"George Allen is a conservative but said he is a friend of higher education," Poock said.

Poock said Anderson was pleased with the appropriations given to Mary Washington College. Last semester, MWC feared it would be a victim of major cutbacks, including faculty salary cuts and a tuition hike. Wilder told state colleges to plan for a 15 percent cut for the 1994-96 school years and asked state college

presidents to submit plans to deal with both a 10 and a 15 percent budget cut.

Virginia currently spends only 12 percent of its money on state colleges and universities. A 15 percent cut would have meant that the state spends

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College Officials Examine Meal Plan Alternatives

By Rick Schettler
Bullet Staff Writer

Junior Gina Clower eats seven to 10 meals a week in Seacabcock. Freshman Mike Hurt usually eats all 21. But Clower and Hurt both pay \$2,162 a year for their meals, because there is only one option for residential students—21 meals a week.

Student senators have heard students' demands for alternatives to the full meal plan, which many students say they do not utilize and asked the college to consider offering several meal plan options. Though Vice President of Business and Finance Richard Miller said college administrators have not made a decision about whether they will offer a variety of meal plan options, he said the college is still considering alternatives to the present full meal plan for the 1994-95 academic year.

Todd Palcio, co-chairman of the student senate Welfare Committee, said he has been working with administrators this year to find alternatives to the full meal plan.

"[The meal plan issue] is interesting because it affects not only our pocketbook but our stomach, too," Palcio said. "The Welfare Committee will take steps to learn more about the meal plan options and make sure the student body is represented in fairness to [their] stomachs and pocketbooks."

In October 1993, President William Anderson announced to the student senate that the college would investigate options to the 21 meal a week plan.

The office of Roy Weinstock, vice president for planning, assessment and institutional research, conducted a poll to determine what kind of meal plan residential students wanted. Weinstock said the results of the study have not been tallied and said he could not speculate on what changes the college will make to the current meal plan.

"I do believe that there will be a change in the meal plan. What that change will be and along what lines I couldn't begin to imagine," Weinstock said.

Miller, who is working with Weinstock's office to evaluate meal plan options, said that he and Weinstock have not discussed alternative meal plans under consideration, but said the college will make a decision before April.

Weinstock will present the results of the survey to the Board of Visitors at the February meeting. He said the BOV will be very influential in determining whether or not the college will offer meal plan options.

"The board is going to have a very strong hand, certainly, in determining what the meal plan will turn out to be."

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Combatting The Prevalence Of Underage Drinking At MWC

By Heather Johnson
Special to the Bullet

In October of 1987, Mary Washington College freshman Christopher Goode threw a party in his dorm room in Westmoreland Hall. A hallmate of Goode, who asked that his name be withheld, recalls, "The last time I saw [Goode] he was just drinking and smoking a cigar. He didn't even seem more drunk than normal."

But the next morning when Goode's friends went to wake him up for brunch, they poked, pushed, and yelled, but Goode did not awaken. After jokingly writing phrases on him like "Crispy [Goode's nickname] lives," the freshman guys left the room. When they returned from brunch, Goode's friends were told that Goode was dead.

"We just thought he was asleep," his former hallmate said. "We found out later that he had died in his sleep the night before and his BAC was a .42."

This incident is the most extreme example of the effects of on-campus drinking that has occurred during the last decade

at MWC.

Still, seven years later, according to Dean of Students Joanne Beck, "Underage drinking is our number one problem [at MWC]."

In the 1992-93 academic year, MWC charged over 135 students with possession of alcohol and 51 students with intoxication. According to MWC's Sexual Assault and Substance Abuse Coordinator Rhonda Angel, the vast majority of these cases involved underage drinking. These numbers, according to Angel, are consistent with previous years.

Pete Lefferts, associate dean for residence life, said that the biggest step the college has taken to combat underage drinking was making alcohol absolutely prohibited in freshman dorms seven years ago.

Some students say that this policy does little or nothing to decrease the frequency with which underage students drink in dorms.

Thanh Kirby, a Randolph Hall resident assistant, said that the "dry dorms" only help decrease drinking to a certain extent.

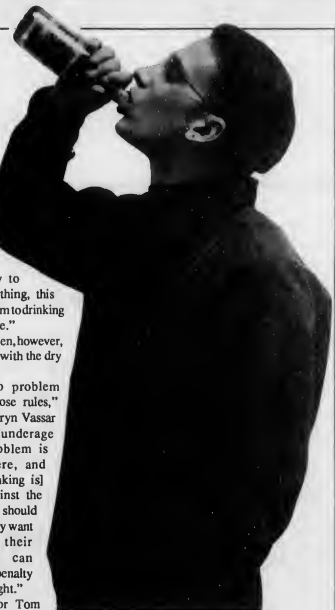
"There's not going to be excessive drinking [in a dry dorm], but if people want to drink, they're going to find a way to drink. If anything, this only pushes them to drinking somewhere else."

Some freshmen, however, say they agree with the dry dorm policy.

"I have no problem abiding by those rules," freshman Kathryn Vassar said. "The [underage drinking] problem is definitely here, and [underage drinking is] definitely against the law. Students should know that if they want to drink in their dorms, they can expect some penalty if they get caught."

When senior Tom

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Kim Stuken/Bullet

In Brief

Minority Incentive Awards Offered

The Council on International Educational Exchange offers five to 10 awards ranging from \$500-\$1000 to minorities (African, Arab, Asian, Hispanic) to encourage minority students to participate in study abroad.

To be eligible, a student needs to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, show proof of financial need (college financial aid record) and be a participant/applicant to a CIEE administered study, work or volunteer abroad program for summer and/or fall 1994.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of International Programs, Room 204 or 206, x4706 or x4662.

Board of Visitors Committee To Discuss Meeting Agenda

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors will meet

on Monday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. in Room 102 of George Washington Hall for the purpose of setting an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the full Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board will be held on Feb. 24-26. If you are interested in receiving copy of that meeting's agenda once it has been set by the Executive Committee, please contact Ron Singleton in the Office of Public Information, x4613.

International Internship Program Available Through JMU

International Internship positions are available for the Fall 1994 and the Spring 1995. The program offers qualified Virginia students a unique opportunity to gain professional experience on an international basis in their field of interest. Approximately 50 positions each semester in 10 countries are available.

Interested students may request the information directly from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator at Paul Street

House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, phone (703) 568-6979 or fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 14.

Junior Ring Week Party Suggestions Needed

Class Council questionnaires that will be used to plan Junior Ring Week (March 28 - April 2) Activities are available at the information desk in the campus center and the dome room in Seacoack. Volunteers are needed for decorating, invitations, master and mistress of ceremonies at Ring Presentation.

Crafts and Artwork On Sale At "Alveypalooza"

Students can sell homemade crafts, artwork and food on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 1 - 5 p.m. in the Great Hall to raise money for dorms, clubs or themselves. For information, call Heather at x4369 or go to Alvey 413.



Police Beat

By Adam Fike
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Theft

• On Jan. 26 a plug tester, worth \$40, was reported taken from a Physical Plant van.

• On Jan. 28 a bicycle was reported stolen from the front of Randolph Hall.

• On Jan. 26 cassettes and a set of stereo speakers worth \$450 were reported stolen from a car at the Battlefield.

• On Jan. 28 the center console and an

amplifier worth \$375 were reported stolen from a parked car.

• On Jan. 30 \$280 cash was stolen from a locked dorm room in New Dorm. There was no evidence of forced entry.

Miscellaneous

• On Jan. 29 campus police responded to a domestic disturbance in Mason Hall between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The dispute was resolved without incident.

• On Jan. 30 47 cans of beer were confiscated by police.

Illness and Injury

• On Jan. 25 a student in the Chandler Hall parking lot twisted an ankle on the steps but did not need medical attention.

• On Jan. 27 a student doing cartwheels in Randolph Hall fell and was taken to the hospital.

• On Jan. 29 a student with an emergency illness was taken to the Health Center.

Decision Made, Classes On Sundays

By Adam Fike
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Department chairs decided on Tuesday that two consecutive Sundays will be used to make up for the latest snow day, Friday, Jan. 28.

Sunday, Feb. 20 will be used to make up the missed Friday 8-11:50 a.m. classes, and Sunday, Feb. 27 will take the place of noon - 4:50 p.m. classes. This action will supplement the established "snow day" classes on the Friday and Monday before exam week that were planned less than a week ago.

Roy B. Weinstein, vice president for planning and assessment and institutional research suggested in a memo to Richard E. Hansen, interim dean of faculty, that Sundays be used to make up classes.

"In my opinion, using a full Saturday pretty much eliminates most of the weekend for students," Weinstein wrote. "[Sunday classes] compromises Friday evening socializing and any subsequent plans (employment schedules, travel, etc.) they might have on Saturday." Weinstein also mentioned that a Sunday schedule leaves students free

for sports, the debate team trips and weekend worship services.

Teachers do have the option to not hold class during the allotted Sunday class times depending on their own curriculum and class schedules. According to Hansen, this allows teachers more flexibility if the extra class is not necessary and also allows them to keep their latest revised syllabi.

"My guess is that students and faculty would rather have Saturday free than Sunday off," Hansen said. "For many Sunday afternoon is a time to prepare for the week's classes."

Though the plan may provide the least conflict with weekend activities, Christian students might still find problems interrupting their Sunday's with school.

"Sunday is supposed to be a day to be spiritual and listen to the word of God," said freshman Mike Hurt, a Methodist.

Even with no conflicts at all, some students still feel that Sunday is a poor choice of days to make up school.

"I'd rather have a day before the week starts again," said Carter Berkeley, freshman.

Given the fact that teachers have the choice of whether they will be able to

attend a Sunday class, students also feel that they also should be able to make that decision.

Freshman Jeff Seaman does not feel that students should not be penalized if they do not attend.

"They should have a way to have students have a part in the decision," freshman Laura Wyatt said.

According to John Reynolds, chairman and professor of computer science, this may be the best of the available options, which included having classes during exam week and the possible cancellation of Dead Week.

"All the plans are so fraught with problems," he said. "This plan seems to have minimum problems."

In the case of more snow days during the semester, more Sundays will be used to make up the lost class time.

"Are we going to keep meeting like this?" joked one administrator during the meeting to decide how to deal with the snow day, which fell just a few days after the establishment of their original plan. "Weather permitting," answered another.

New Administrators Adjust To MWC

By Eric Nolan
Bullett Staff Writer

Along with an unprecedented number of snow days, 1994 brings to Mary Washington College new leadership.

Three new administrators now figure prominently in the Mary Washington College community: E. Deal Tompkins, the new vice president for college advancement, Mary Podlesny, the new budget director and Jeffrey Sneddon, the new executive director of the Rappahannock Small Business and Development Center (SBDC) in Fredericksburg.

In a time of state budget cutbacks at the college, MWC has restricted the number of administrative positions and therefore each administrator must take on more responsibility than he or she has in the past. In the midst of what she refers to as "tight times," Shelli Short, assistant vice president for personnel services, said that a combination of factors have forced many personnel to adapt and become more versatile.

"Most of us are wearing three or four hats, hats we weren't wearing when we first got here and it's important to find people willing to wear those," Short said.

As vice president for college advancement, which began Feb. 1, Tompkins will be responsible for development, alumni and publications programs at the college. Because a great deal of his attention will be focused on coordinating comprehensive fundraising campaigns, the demands of his position will be unique.

The most important qualities Tompkins needs, according to

Barbara Burton, assistant vice president of alumni programs and annual giving, are "leadership in terms of respect for volunteers, constituency and staff, and the confidence to be able to lead" and "almost flawless people skills."

Tompkins is currently a member of the Association of Healthcare Philanthropy, Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives and Virginia Planned Giving Study Group in Richmond. In addition to his position as vice president for college advancement, Tompkins will serve as executive director of the MWC Alumni Association and the MWC Foundation.

He is also vice president for development for Mary Washington Hospital Mediscore and executive director for Mary Washington Hospital Foundation.

Burton said that a person in Tompkins' position should be able to lead people without having to "browbeat" them. Podlesny also has to operate under unique demands. As new budget director, she is responsible for planning, development and management of the college's annual budgets. These include the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library.

Podlesny has held her position since Sept. 1 and is comfortable in her new position.

"Folks here have made it a lot easier," she said.

Podlesny emphasized analytical skills and good communication skills as qualities which make a good budget director, as well as "the ability to see

the big picture, and to assimilate details into the big picture."

"I couldn't even begin to tell you how many years of experience with AT&T's financial analysis and marketing she has," said Shelli Short.

Short said Podlesny's computer software knowledge is essential in today's business environment.

Sneddon also brings considerable experience to his position.

As director of the Rappahannock SBDC, he will have management responsibility for the daily operations of the Fredericksburg office, as well as continuing his supervisory responsibilities for the SBDC office in Warsaw, Va.

One of twelve regional centers throughout the state, the Rappahannock SBDC provides free counseling services to area small businesses and is funded by a combination of state and local governments, corporations and Mary Washington College. Services include assistance with marketing, advertising, promotion, financial management, accounting and personnel. The office is located in the lower level of Seacoack Hall, underneath the Rose Room.

Sneddon has been director of the Warsaw-based SBDC since July 1992, where he has conducted workshops for new business owners. He is presently on the Board of Directors and is acting-treasurer of the Warsaw-Richmond County Chamber of Commerce, and is also on the board of the Northern Neck Rural Development Coalition.

"He has been very successful in Warsaw and we are pleased for the whole area," said Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and continuing education. "At Warsaw, he really pulled the whole 12 county area together."

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step ahead of the stores in the mall. Once you start looking like those, you're competing with them head to head," Corbel said.

Main Street Books suffered that fate and was forced to close because it was not a unique bookstore.

"If I'm just going out to buy books, I go to the mall. If I'm looking for old books or something really different, I go downtown to Collectibles," said junior Melanie Lenth.

Fran Holland, an owner of the All-American Sports Card store next to Main Street Books, reluctantly admitted that the store's business had been waning.

"They just hadn't been getting the business they needed," Holland said.

The All-American Sports Card store, on the other hand, is faring well in the downtown area, according to Holland. Last week, they took over the vacated book store and more than doubled their size. Holland said her husband Al quit his job of 23 years to come to work with their son Dean at the store. "Our business has been growing," said Holland. "There is always something new since merchandise changes with the seasons. The younger people love this stuff."

Holland also said that Fredericksburg tourism has contributed to the success of her family's business. The success of established antique, craft or Civil War stores and new, innovative specialty stores is also due in part to tourists.

"We do quite a bit of business with what we call day trippers, the tourists from the Washington area or somewhere within a reasonable distance," Corbel said of Corky's, which specializes in unique and vintage clothing as well as military surplus.

Drawing from a different crowd, Bob Owens, the owner of Cards and Cones, located on the corner of William and Caroline Street, said he relies more on local and college business.

"Business in this store hasn't been bad, but the economic climate downtown is still very hard for the small business," said Owens, who plans to sell his store.

Despite the difficulties around him, Owens said that he is not leaving Fredericksburg because of the economy, but because he married recently and is planning to move to the coast in June.

"The store is up for sale. It is not my intention to close the business," he said. Owens, however, admits that, though he lacks some of the enthusiasm that he started with eight years ago, he still enjoys running the business and hopes that the new owners bring new

ideas and innovation to the store.

Another store, The Picket Post, relies on their Civil War catalogue to stay in business, owner Bill Henderson said.

"We'd never make it just on store front walk-ins," Henderson said.

Antique store owner Floyd Redfern said that downtown Fredericksburg is not as accessible to shoppers.

"The town of Fredericksburg is not what it once was. Now the streets aren't as clean, and parking is a real problem. Commuters take all the parking lot spaces before the stores even open," said Redfern.

Heart and Hand Treasures, opened by Tina Parisek a few years ago, is also closing. Parisek moved her store from the 600 block of Caroline Street and tried to improve business, but sales did not pick up enough to keep her in business.

"It is a shame to have such nice little stores like that close," said Fields, who talked to Parisek about the store.

"It was [Parisek's] business, her project. It is a very sad thing for her personally." The decline in business for many stores is still not enough to scare off potential entrepreneurs. Jennifer Oliver will be opening Winter Touch, a stationary store, in late March. She believes that her store will be different than the stores on Caroline Street.

"Since people are not traveling as much, you have to focus on the people who live and work here. That's who's going to support you," said Oliver, who hopes to cater to college students and working mothers.

"You have to be unique to make it—I hate going into one shop and seeing stuff that I've just seen down the street, Oliver said—an idea Gold Star Emporium owners have maximized.

"It is just a cool place to walk around. The store fronts are even unusual. If you walk around a place long enough, you're bound to find something to buy," said senior Lauren Haley.

Gold Star Emporium has managed to establish a name for itself by providing something a little different.

"I'd be really disappointed if some place like Gold Star Emporium closed. You can't just go to the mall and find stuff like that," said sophomore Amy Mann.

Corbel said stores like Gold Star Emporium give downtown Fredericksburg a positive image.

"In order for people to take this as a serious shopping area, you have to have a few big traffic stores. It gives it credibility, like a major department store," Corbel said.

"Fredericksburg has come a long way from the beginning. It was almost a ghost town and it may still be phasing out," said Corbel. "I still feel very positive about downtown. We're here in a world of our own. It's something that can never be again in a world where big strip malls are fighting it out. I think we can survive it."

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Lipscomb was a first-semester freshman, he was forced to move off-campus after his fourth write-up for alcohol violations.

Lipscomb said moving off campus only heightened his drinking because being off campus presented more opportunities to drink, and said he would like to see the college give community service hours instead.

"Kicking me off did absolutely nothing," Lipscomb said. "In fact, if my parents hadn't been so supportive, I'd have probably failed out. How far would that have gotten me in terms of education?"

Heidi Zirkle, head resident of Madison Hall, said that if the process seems harsh, it is because the drinking problem is serious. "[Underage drinking] definitely has to be addressed because it is a state law and not just a campus law," Zirkle said.

Zirkle said that she would rather have students receive counseling for drinking problems than be punished.

Angel heads the classes that offenders of alcohol violations must attend. A student who is written up for possession of alcohol is required to take a one and a half hour class, while a student written up for intoxication is required to attend a four and a half hour class.

"All we're trying to do is give people more information so they can make more educated choices, but that alone doesn't combat the problem," Angel said.

Drinking at bars can also present serious problems for all students, underage or of-age, because it often leads to drinking and driving. Senior Liz Lovem said that some underage students tend to drink on campus because it is the easiest alternative for them.

"First of all, Fredericksburg really

isn't too happening. Also, many freshmen don't have cars," she said. "Dorm rooms are just more accessible."

Senior Leslie Schreiber said that the college should re-evaluate its priorities and not care so much about drinking on campus.

"When I lived in Madison, I drank all the time. Now that I'm off-campus, I drive to see my friends or meet them at a bar, and eventually, I get into a car after a couple of beers," she said.

Despite the danger of students drinking and driving to places off campus, MWC administrators have to address the fact that underage drinking is illegal.

"I guess they do what they have to do," said Schreiber.

Regardless of the school's rules and regulations about drinking, many students will do what they want anyway.

"According to Goode's former hallmate, even after Goode died, all of his friends went out drinking the next weekend."

"There isn't much that can stop kids from drinking. In this case, not even the death of our friend," he said.

ALCOHOL AT MWC

A student written up for alcohol possession is required to take a 1 1/2 hour class.

A student written up for intoxication is required to take a 4 1/2 hour class.

In the 1992-93 academic year, over 180 students were charged with possession or intoxication.

Jill Golden/Bullet

ON CAMPUS WALK**SENATE WILL STUDY HOUSING CONTRACT STIPULATIONS**

Jen Rudalf, co-chairperson of the student senate welfare committee, proposed that a senate committee look into changing the current year-long binding housing contract into a contract that is binding by semester only.

Monday Rudalf met with Associate Dean of Residence of Life Pete Lefferts, who told her that a semester binding contract would cause more difficulty in determining the number of rooms open for transfer students, Rudalf said.

Under the current contract stipulations, a student who moves off-campus during the course of the year will receive a refund for board but not for the cost of the room. The only way to receive a full refund for room and board is to have an illness certified by a physician, to get married or graduate in December.

"I can't agree with the fact that [the college] is taking money from a student [who] is not living [in the residence halls] and using their facilities," Rudalf said.

The senate can make a formal request to the Board of Visitors to consider the motion.

—contributed by Rick Schettler

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only nine percent of its budget on higher education.

After submitting two biennial plans for budgeting cuts, Wilder made decisions on what he would alter. Anderson felt that MWC was spared from cuts while the larger state schools took the hard hits, Poyck said.

"I think Wilder thought that some schools were doing a good job with their budgets and wanted to reward them for that," Poyck said.

For the time being, MWC has escaped budget cutbacks, but administrators say they are not sure what will happen in the next few months, Poyck said.

"Our history says we have to go

up [in tuition] every year, but compared to other schools, we've never gone into double digits, and I don't foresee it," Poyck said.

Last year tuition paid for 51 percent of college expenses while 49 percent was accounted for by the state budget.

Richard Miller, vice president for business and finance, said he does not have any new information concerning the state funding allocated in Wilder's administration. Miller said that until the General Assembly makes budget decisions, 1994-95 budget plans will remain in a "state of flux."

"[Asking about the budget] is like asking what happened in the Super Bowl [when] the game hasn't even

been played yet," Miller said.

Miller said administrators are discussing budget options and preparing for the Feb. 24 BOV Finance meeting. Miller said at this meeting he will relay all the latest information he has about the budget, including specific cuts.

Anderson said in October 1993 that if MWC is required to make cuts next year, faculty salaries will not be sacrificed.

"We're going to increase [faculty] salaries even if we get cut," Anderson said.

Miller said the college will announce salary and tuition increases after the Virginia General Assembly makes final state budget decisions.

"The game ends in April," Miller said.

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Weinstock said,

Weinstock would not comment on which meal plan options are under consideration. Palcic said sources told him that they are considering two alternatives to the current plan, including a plan that would allow students to choose from a specified number of meals per week and also a declining balance meal plan.

The first plan would allow students to choose from 10, 15, 19, or 21 meals per week. This program is designed to meet the different eating habits of students and to ensure that a student does not pay for meals he or she is not eating.

Palcic said he feels that if the college approved switching to this meal plan, it may end up costing students more money for a limited number of meals.

"I speculate that [under] a 10, 15, 19, or 21 meal plan option, the majority of the students will pay more than they are presently paying," Palcic said.

Palcic said that under the current

plan students must "lose the illusion that we are spending money on 21 meals, because we are not."

Gordon Inge, director of food services, said that under the present meal plan "[students] are only paying for between 11 and 14 meals

number of meals they paid for in the meal plan selected.

Sophomore Derek Botcher, co-chair of the student senate Rules and Procedures Committee, said he likes the current meal plan because students only pay for the average number of meals and can eat an unlimited amount of food.

"It is clear that practically any other meal plan other than the one we have now will not only be more expensive than the one we have now, it will probably cause us to buy more food than we will actually use," Botcher said.

The second meal plan under consideration is the declining balance meal plan. Under this plan a student would put a certain amount of money into his board account and each time the student eats a meal, money would be subtracted from the account.

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In Brief

Minority Incentive Awards Offered

The Council on International Educational Exchange offers five to 10 awards ranging from \$500-\$1000 to minorities (African, Arab, Asian, Hispanic and indigenous Native Peoples) to encourage minority students to participate in study abroad.

To be eligible, a student needs to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, show proof of financial need (college financial aid record) and be a participant/applicant to a CIEE administered program, work or volunteer abroad program for summer and/or fall 1994.

Information and application forms may be obtained from the Office of International Programs, Room 204 or 206, x4706 or x4662.

Board of Visitors Committee To Discuss Meeting Agenda

The Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors will meet

on Monday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. in Room 102 of George Washington Hall for the purpose of setting an agenda for the upcoming meeting of the full Board.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board will be held on Feb. 24-26. If you are interested in receiving copy of that meeting's agenda once it has been set by the Executive Committee, please contact Ron Singleton in the Office of Public Information, x4613.

International Internship Program Available Through JMU

International Internship positions are available for the Fall 1994 and the Spring 1995. The program offers qualified Virginia students a unique opportunity to gain professional experience on an international basis in their field of interest. Approximately 50 positions each semester in 10 countries are available.

Interested students may request the information directly from Judy Cohen, Program Coordinator at Paul Street

House, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA 22807, phone (703) 568-6979 or fax (703) 568-3310. The deadline for applications for both semesters is March 14.

Junior Ring Week Party Suggestions Needed

Class Council questionnaires that will be used to plan Junior Ring Week (March 28 - April 2) Activities are available at the information desk in the campus center and the dome room in Seacoast. Volunteers are needed for decorating, invitations, master and mistress of ceremonies at Ring Presentation.

Crafts and Artwork On Sale At "Alveypalooza"

Students can sell homemade crafts, artwork and food on Sunday, Feb. 27 from 1 - 5 p.m. in the Great Hall to raise money for dorms, clubs or themselves. For information, call Heather at x4369 or go to Alvey 413.



Police Beat

By Adam Fike
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Theft

• On Jan. 26 a plug tester, worth \$40, was reported taken from a Physical Plant van.

• On Jan. 28 a bicycle was reported stolen from the front of Randolph Hall.

• On Jan. 26 cassettes and a set of stereo speakers worth \$450 were reported stolen from a car at the Battlefield.

• On Jan. 28 the center console and an

amplifier worth \$375 were reported stolen from a parked car.

• On Jan. 30 \$280 cash was stolen from a locked dorm room in New Dorm. There was no evidence of forced entry.

Miscellaneous

• On Jan. 29 campus police responded to a domestic disturbance in Mason Hall between a boyfriend and girlfriend. The dispute was resolved without incident.

• On Jan. 30 47 cans of beer were confiscated by police.

Illness and Injury

• On Jan. 25 a student in the Chandler Hall parking lot twisted an ankle on the steps but did not need medical attention.

• On Jan. 27 a student doing cartwheels in Randolph Hall fell and was taken to the hospital.

• On Jan. 29 a student with an emergency illness was taken to the Health Center.

Decision Made, Classes On Sundays

By Adam Fike
Bulletin Assistant News Editor

Department chairs decided on Tuesday that two consecutive Sundays will be used to make up for the latest snow day, Friday, Jan. 28.

Sunday, Feb. 20 will be used to make up the missed Friday 8-11:50 a.m. classes, and Sunday, Feb. 27 will take the place of noon - 4:50 p.m. classes. This action will supplement the established "snow day" classes on the Friday and Monday before exam week that were planned less than a week ago.

Roy B. Weinstock, vice president for planning and assessment and institutional research suggested in a memo to Richard E. Hansen, interim dean of faculty, that Sundays be used to amke up classes.

"In my opinion, using a full Saturday pretymucheliminates most of the weekend for students," Weinstock wrote. "[Sunday classes] compromises Friday evening socializing and any subsequent plans (employment schedules, travel, etc.) they might have on Saturday." Weinstock also mentioned that a Sunday schedule leaves students free

for sports, the debate team trips and weekend worship services.

Teachers do have the option to not hold class during the allotted Sunday class times depending on their own curriculum and class schedules. According to Hansen, this allows teachers more flexibility if the extra class is not necessary and also allows them to keep their latest revised syllabi.

"My guess is that students and faculty would rather have Saturday free than Sunday off," Hansen said. "For many Sunday afternoon is a time to prepare for the week's classes."

Though the plan may provide the least conflict with weekend activities, Christian students might still find problems interrupting their Sunday's with school.

"Sunday is supposed to be a day to be spiritual and listen to the word of God," said freshman Mike Hurt, a Methodist.

Even with no conflicts at all, some students still feel that Sunday is a poor choice of days to make up school.

"I'd rather have a day before the week starts again," said Carter Berkeley, freshman.

Given the fact that teachers have the choice of whether they will be able to

attend a Sunday class, students also feel that they also should be able to make that decision.

Freshman Jeff Seaman does not feel that students should not be penalized if they do not attend.

"They should have a way to have students have a part in the decision," freshman Laura Wyatt said.

According to John Reynolds, chairman and professor of computer science, this may be the best of the available options, which included having classes during exam week and the possible cancellation of Dead Week.

"All the plans are so fraught with problems," he said. "This plan seems to have minimum problems."

In the case of more snow days during the semester, more Sundays will be used to make up the lost class time.

"Are we going to keep meeting like this?" joked one administrator during the meeting to decide how to deal with the snow day, which fell just a few days after the establishment of their original plan. "Weather permitting," answered another.

New Administrators Adjust To MWC

By Eric Nolan
Bulletin Staff Writer

Along with an unprecedented number of snow days, 1994 brings to Mary Washington College new leadership.

Three new administrators now figure prominently in the Mary Washington College community: E. Deal Tompkins, the new vice president for college advancement, Mary Podlesny, the new budget director and Jeffrey Sneddon, the new executive director of the Rappahannock Small Business and Development Center (SBDC) in Fredericksburg.

In a time of state budget cutbacks at the college, MWC has restricted the number of administrative positions and therefore each administrator must take on more responsibility than he or she has in the past. In the midst of what she refers to as "tight times," Shelli Short, assistant vice president for personnel services, said that a combination of factors have forced many personnel to adapt and become more versatile.

"Most of us are wearing three or four hats, hats we weren't wearing when we first got here and it's important to find people willing to wear those," Short said.

As vice president for college advancement, which began Feb. 1, Tompkins will be responsible for development, alumni and publications programs at the college. Because a great deal of his attention will be focused on coordinating comprehensive fundraising campaigns, the demands of his position will be unique.

The most important qualities Tompkins needs, according to

Barbara Burton, assistant vice president of alumni programs and annual giving, are "leadership in terms of respect for volunteers, constituency and staff, and the confidence to be able to lead" and "almost flawless people skills."

Tompkins is currently a member of the Association of Health care Philanthropy, Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives and Virginia Planned Giving Study Group in Richmond. In addition to his position as vice president for college advancement, Tompkins will serve as executive director of the MWC Alumni Association and the MWC Foundation.

He is also vice president for development for Mary Washington Hospital Medcenter and executive director for Mary Washington Hospital Foundation. Burton said that a person in Tompkins' position should be able to lead people without having to "browbeat" them.

Podlesny also has to operate under unique demands. As new budget director, she is responsible for planning, development and management of the college's annual budgets. These include the Gari Melchers Estate and Memorial Gallery and the James Monroe Museum and Memorial Library.

Podlesny has held her position since Sept. 1 and is comfortable in her new position.

"Folks here have made it a lot easier," she said.

Podlesny emphasized analytical skills and good communication skills as qualities which make a good budget director, as well as "the ability to see

the big picture, and to assimilate details into the big picture."

"I couldn't even begin to tell you how many years of experience with AT&T's financial analysis and marketing she has," said Shelli Short.

Short said Podlesny's computer software knowledge is essential in today's business environment. Sneddon also brings considerable experience to his position.

As director of the Rappahannock SBDC, he will have management responsibility for the daily operations of the Fredericksburg office, as well as continuing his supervisory responsibilities for the SBDC office in Warsaw, Va.

One of twelve regional centers throughout the state, the Rappahannock SBDC provides free counseling services to area small businesses and is funded by a combination of state and local governments, corporations and Mary Washington College. Services include assistance with marketing, advertising, promotion, financial management, accounting and personnel. The office is located in the lower level of Seacoast Hall, underneath the Rose Room.

Sneddon has been director of the Warsaw-based SBDC since July 1992, where he has conducted workshops for new business owners. He is presently on the Board of Directors and is acting-treasurer of the Warsaw-Richmond County Chamber of Commerce, and is also on the board of the Northern Neck Rural Development Coalition.

"He has been very successful in Warsaw and we are pleased for the whole area," said Meta Braymer, dean of graduate and continuing education. "At Warsaw, he really pulled the whole 12 county area together."

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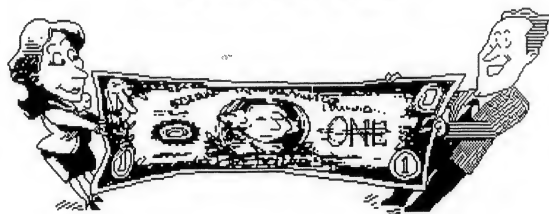
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DOWNTOWN page 1

step ahead of the stores in the mall. Once you start looking like those, you're competing with them head to head," Corbel said.

Main Street Books suffered that fate and was forced to close because it was not a unique bookstore.

"If I'm just going out to buy books, I go to the mall. If I'm looking for old books or something really different, I go downtown to Collectibles," said junior Melanie Lenham.

Fran Holland, an owner of the All-American Sports Card store next to Main Street Books, reluctantly admitted that the store's business had been waning.

"They just hadn't been getting the business they needed," Holland said.

The All-American Sports Card store, on the other hand, is faring well in the downtown area, according to Holland. Last week, they took over the vacated book store and more than doubled their size. Holland said her husband Al quit his job of 23 years to come to work with their son Dean at the store.

"Our business has been growing," said Holland. "There is always something new since merchandise changes with the seasons. The younger people love this stuff."

Holland also said that Fredericksburg tourism has contributed to the success of her family's business. The success of established antique, craft or Civil War stores and new, innovative specialty stores is also due in part to tourists.

"We do quite a bit of business with what we call day trippers, the tourists from the Washington area or somewhere within a reasonable distance," Corbel said of Corky's, which specializes in unique and vintage clothing as well as military surplus.

Drawing from a different crowd, Bob Owens, the owner of Cards and Cones, located on the corner of William and Caroline Street, said he relies more on local and college business.

"Business in this store hasn't been bad, but the economic climate downtown is still very hard for the small business," said Owens, who plans to sell his store.

Despite the difficulties around him, Owens said that he is not leaving Fredericksburg because of the economy, but because he married recently and is planning to move to the coast in June.

"The store is up for sale. It is not my intention to close the business," he said. Owens, however, admits that, though he lacks some of the enthusiasm that he started with eight years ago, he still enjoys running the business and hopes that the new owners bring new

ideas and innovation to the store.

Another store, The Picket Post, relies on their Civil war catalogue to stay in business, owner Bill Henderson said.

"We'd never make it just on store front walk-ins," Henderson said.

Antique store owner Floyd Redfern said that downtown Fredericksburg is not as accessible to shoppers.

"The town of Fredericksburg is not what it once was. Now the streets aren't as clean, and parking is a real problem. Commuters take all the parking lot spaces before the stores even open," said Redfern.

Heart and Hand Treasures, opened by Tina Parisek a few years ago, is also closing. Parisek moved her store from the 600 block of Caroline Street and tried to improve business, but sales did not pick up enough to keep her in business.

"It is a shame to have such nice little stores like that close," said Fields, who talked to Parisek about the store.

"It was [Parisek's] business, her project. It is a very sad thing for her personally." The decline in business for many stores is still not enough to scare off potential entrepreneurs. Jennifer Oliver will be opening Winter Touch, a stationary store, in late March. She believes that her store will be different than the stores on Caroline Street.

"Since people are not traveling as much, you have to focus on the people who live and work here. That's who's going to support you," said Oliver, who hopes to cater to college students and working mothers.

"You have to be unique to make it—I hate going into one shop and seeing stuff that I've just seen down the street, Oliver said—an idea Gold Star Emporium owners have maximized.

"It is just a cool place to walk around. The store fronts are even unusual. If you walk around a place long enough, you're bound to find something to buy," said senior Lauren Haley.

Gold Star Emporium has managed to establish a name for itself by providing something a little different.

"I'd be really disappointed if some place like Gold Star Emporium closed. You can't just go to the mall and find stuff like that," said sophomore Amy Mann.

Corbel said stores like Gold Star Emporium give downtown Fredericksburg a positive image.

"In order for people to take this as a serious shopping area, you have to have a few big traffic stores. It gives it credibility, like a major department store," Corbel said. "Fredericksburg has come a long way from the beginning. It was almost a ghost town and it may still be phasing out," said Corbel. "I still feel very positive about downtown. We're here in a world of our own. It's something that can never be again in a world where big strip malls are fighting it out. I think we can survive it."

DRINK page 1

Lipscomb was a first-semester freshman, he was forced to move off-campus after his fourth write-up for alcohol violations.

Lipscomb said moving off campus only heightened his drinking because being off campus only presented more opportunities to drink, and said he would like to see the college give community service hours instead.

"Kicking me off did absolutely nothing," Lipscomb said. "In fact, if my parents hadn't been so supportive, I'd have probably failed out. How far would that have gotten me in terms of education?" Heidi Zirkle, head resident of Madison Hall, said that if the process seems harsh, it is because the drinking problem is serious. "[Underage drinking] definitely has to be addressed because it is a state law and not just a campus law," Zirkle said.

Zirkle said that she would rather have students receive counseling for drinking problems than be punished. Angel heads the classes that offenders of alcohol violations must attend. A student who is written up for possession of alcohol is required to take a one and a half hour class, while a student written up for intoxication is required to attend a four and a half hour class.

"All we're trying to do is give people more information so they can make more educated choices, but that alone doesn't combat the problem," Angel said.

Drinking at bars can also present serious problems for all students, underage or of-age, because it often leads to drinking and driving. Senior Liz Lovren said that some underage students tend to drink on campus because it is the easiest alternative for them.

"First of all, Fredericksburg really

isn't too happening. Also, many freshmen don't have cars," she said. "Dorm rooms are just more accessible."

Senior Leslie Schreiber said that the college should re-evaluate it's priorities and not care so much about drinking on campus.

"When I lived in Madison, I drank all the time in my room. Now that I'm off-campus, I drive to see my friends or meet them at a bar, and eventually, I get into a car after a couple of beers," she said.

Despite the danger of students drinking and driving to places off campus, MWC administrators have to address the fact that underage drinking is illegal.

"I guess they do what they have to do," said Schreiber.

Regardless of the school's rules and regulations about drinking, many students will do what they want anyway.

According to Goode's former hallmate, even after Goode died, all of his friends went out drinking the next weekend.

"There isn't much that can stop kids from drinking. In this case, not even the death of our friend," he said.

ALCOHOL AT MWC

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In the 1992-93 academic year, over 180 students were charged with possession or intoxication.

Jill Golden/Bullet

ON CAMPUS WALK

SENATE WILL STUDY HOUSING CONTRACT STIPULATIONS

Jen Rudalf, co-chairperson of the student senate welfare committee, proposed that a senate committee look into changing the current year-long binding housing contract into a contract that is binding by semester only.

Monday Rudalf met with Associate Dean of Residence of Life Pete Lefferts, who told her that a semester binding contract would cause more difficulty in determining the number of rooms open for transfer students, Rudalf said.

Under the current contract stipulations, a student who moves off-campus during the course of the year will receive a refund for board but not for the cost of the room. The only way to receive a full refund for room and board is to have an illness certified by a physician, to get married or graduate in December.

"I can't agree with the fact that [the college] is taking money from a student [who] is not living [in the residence halls] and using their facilities," Rudalf said.

The senate can make a formal request to the Board of Visitors to consider the motion.

—contributed by Rick Schettler

BUDGET page 1

only nine percent of its budget on higher education.

After submitting two biennial plans for budgeting cuts, Wilder made decisions on what he would alter. Anderson felt that MWC was spared from cuts while the larger state schools took the hard hit, Poyck said.

"I think Wilder thought that some schools were doing a good job with their budgets and wanted to reward them for that," Poyck said.

For the time being, MWC has escaped budget cutbacks, but administrators say they are not sure what will happen in the next few months, Poyck said.

"Our history says we have to go

up [in tuition] every year, but compared to other schools, we've never gone into double digits, and I don't foresee it," Poyck said.

Last year tuition paid for 51 percent of college expenses while 49 percent was accounted for by the state budget.

Richard Miller, vice president for business and finance, said he does not have any new information concerning the state funding allocated in Wilder's administration, Miller said that until the General Assembly makes budget decisions, 1994-95 budget plans will remain in a "state of flux."

"[Asking about the budget] is like asking what happened in the Super Bowl [when] the game hasn't even

been played yet," Miller said.

Miller said administrators are discussing budget options and preparing for the Feb. 24 BOV Finance meeting. Miller said at this meeting he will relay all the latest information he has about the budget, including specific cuts.

Anderson said in October 1993 that if MWC is required to make cuts next year, faculty salaries will not be sacrificed.

"We're going to increase [faculty] salaries even if we get cut," Anderson said.

Miller said the college will announce salary and tuition increases after the Virginia General Assembly makes final state budget decisions.

"The game ends in April," Miller said.

MEALS page 1

Weinstock said.

Weinstock would not comment on which meal plan options are under consideration. Palcic said sources told him that they are considering two alternatives to the current plan, including a plan that would allow students to choose from a specified number of meals per week and also a declining balance meal plan.

The first plan would allow students to choose from 10, 15, 19, or 21 meals per week. This program is designed to meet the different eating habits of students and to ensure that a student does not pay for meals he or she is not eating.

Palcic said he feels that if the college approved switching to this meal plan, it may end up costing students more money for a limited number of meals.

"I speculate that [under] a 10, 15, 19, or 21 meal plan option, the majority of the students will pay more than they are presently paying," Palcic said.

Palcic said that under the current

plan students must "lose the illusion that we are spending money on 21 meals, because we are not."

Gordon Inge, director of food services, said that under the present meal plan "[students] are only paying for between 11 and 14 meals

number of meals they paid for in the meal plan selected.

Sophomore Derek Botcher, co-chair of the student senate Rules and Procedures Committee, said he likes the current meal plan because students only pay for the average number of meals and can eat an unlimited amount of food.

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OPINIONS

A Test of Power

The Finance Committee has suffered through many hardships from blindly made budget allocations to unfortunate totalitarian leadership in years past. The Finance Committee has worked diligently for the past several months to overcome these burdens, and has for the most part succeeded — until now.

Recently, the Finance Committee distributed quizzes to the treasurers and presidents of clubs that receive funding. Clubs must score above 85 percent correct on the quiz or else their finance committee representative will meet with them to go over the Finance Committee Handbook. As an extra threat, if a club does not turn in the quiz, the club will have their budget frozen.

Not only is this quiz insulting and offensive, it is clearly another example of the Finance Committee's unending quest for omnipotence. If the committee believes clubs are having difficulties keeping financial records, a workshop would be a more effective way of teaching people the rules and procedures of keeping financial records. Scoring an 85 percent on the quiz indicates that the committee believes that there should be some room for errors or mistakes; however, when a club is dealing with money to which each MWC student contributes, there is no room for mistakes. Perhaps the committee was taking into account several of the sarcastic questions when coming up with the magic 85 percent score — questions such as:

"8. The Finance Committee members:

- A. Are mean, evil people who are just looking to freeze your account.
- B. Have all been in jail.
- C. Are a bunch of lazy no goods.
- D. Love you and are your friends."

The question is completely irrelevant to a person's ability to manage funds. While questions such as these are not in the majority of the quiz, they do reflect the committee's lack of professionalism and seriousness and abundance of sarcasm and power.

It is the responsibility of the committee to educate and finance opportunities for students, not to threaten or punish. Using the quizzes as a survey to see what kind of help clubs need with their financial records would have been much more responsible and beneficial. Each club has so many different responsibilities financially that they cannot possibly be lumped into one degrading and insulting quiz.

But the tom-folly does not stop here. The Finance Committee also demanded that club treasurers and presidents write and sign a pledge orchestrated by the Finance Committee itself. The pledge was not approved by the rest of the student body, therefore it holds little merit.

Perhaps it is the constitution of the committee that has created such an oligarchy, although more likely it is the institution of the Finance Committee itself. Fortunately, a proposal was recently approved to change the structure of the committee to allow the members to be elected by the student body. Hopefully this change will eliminate the current conflicts of interest which exist.

Power To The Tower

Tuning in to WMWC has been a nearly impossible task. DJs and radio officers have been equally frustrated with quality and constancy of 540 AM. The same music, show after show, hour after hour, sputtering through static and a sea of Ums and Uhs hasn't been inspiring for those listeners who can actually pick up the station's signal.

Since most of the campus can't even tune in to WMWC, most DJs are frustrated and uninterested in putting on a variety of radio shows. Why would a DJ spend his or her time developing a show when he or she knows that the end will result will be a tape for the car? There just wasn't a reason to try, until now.

In the next few months WMWC will be clearly heard in every room on campus. DJs would have a reason to put on really good shows, and officers would have the ability to be more persuasive and demanding in the quality of the use air time. WMWC radio could become the medium on campus that it has always had the potential to be — all they need now is the antenna.

FCC laws have changed, allowing the use of a large and powerful AM antenna which, while limited to the campus, could change Mary Washington radio forever.

WMWC's tower is now lost to a pile of gridlock and despair in the administration which could in a large way be attributed to lack of student support. The same invisible hands that have continually cut the radio station's budget, kept it out of the Eagle's Nest and the Green Room and in the back seat as a force on this campus could keep the tower on the ground for a long time.

The radio tower needed money, and the Power To The Tower fundraiser raised enough. Now the tower needs support, and it's up to the ones who listen.

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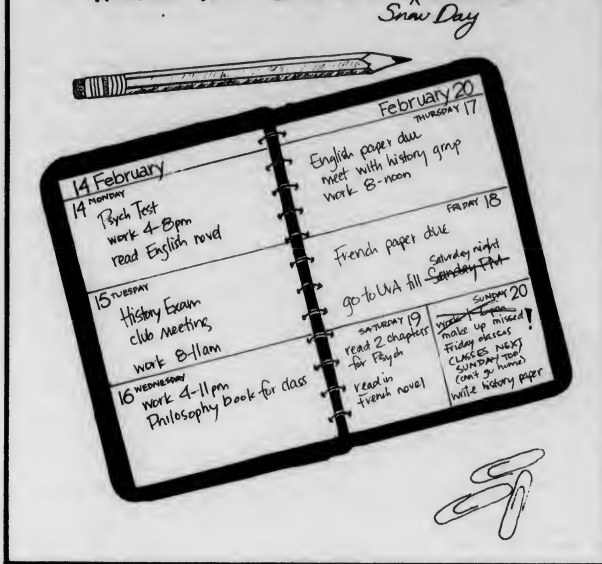
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A TYPICAL MWC STUDENT'S CALENDAR



Cow Hormone Milked For Production



On Feb. 3 Monsanto will begin selling genetically engineered hormones to dairy farms throughout the United States. Bovine Growth Hormone (BGH), the common name for the drug bovine somatotropin (BST), is almost identical to a naturally occurring hormone produced in a cow's pituitary gland and has been tested since the mid-1980s. With the recent approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, this hormone, developed by inserting a gene from cows into the genetic code of a common strain of bacteria, will be used to increase milk production in the United States. Even though

controversy surrounds this drug, the FDA failed to require any special labeling on the milk from BGH treated cows.

The National Food Processors Association welcomed the FDA's approval; consumer and environmental groups question the long-term safety of introducing BGH into the nation's food supply. Milk production may increase by 20 percent in treated cows, but forestalling udder infections, laminitis, will require increasing amounts of antibiotic drugs, drugs ultimately transferred to humans through milk and meat. The diminished effectiveness of these antibiotics in treating human disease may not be the only long-term side effect of using BGH. We simply do not know. Years passed and many

suffered before we recognized the cancer-causing side effects of DES, another hormone promoted as safe.

Why inject cows with BGH to force them to produce unnatural quantities of milk? The dairy industry already produces excess milk, costing the taxpayers billions in price supports. Dan Benedict, president of Sonoma County's Clover-Stornetta Farms (milk is second only to wine as an agricultural commodity in Sonoma County), objects to BGH because, "Very simply, it's just not needed. We've got enough milk, and dairy farmers are very capable of producing more milk" without the use of hormones. Mark Sibera, president of Consumers

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Letters To The Editor

Abortion Not A Matter Of Ego

Human beings' self-inflated egos and idealistic outlook on life seem to breed the beliefs that abortion is evil and shouldn't be allowed.

In Tom Moeller's column "Value Of Life Often More Important Than Freedom" [Jan. 27] that stated the Roe versus Wade decision wasn't sound, he proclaimed what pro-choicers liked to call a "blob of tissues" is a baby that a woman can feel a connection to at the time of conception.

Not true. Yes, that blob of tissue has the potential to grow into a beautiful adult, but so do all the puppies aborted at the vet's office; so do all the existing children caught in the middle of warfare; so does every creature equipped with the biological structures that sustain life.

What people have to realize is there's a right time to bring a child into the world and there's a wrong time. When a couple creates a fetus, a woman must look at her situation. Is she capable of supporting a child? Can she carry the child nine months without jeopardizing her career or her relationship with her family? Is she strong enough emotionally for the extra burden?

Why didn't she think about that before? Be realistic. Human nature gives us hormones that we act upon. Even with protection, we can foul up.

Why not adoption? Try letting your body expand into a gigantic balloon while maintaining your job. Try to overcome the attitudes peers and family members give you. Emotionally, at this age and this time of life, having a child can be very traumatic.

I could do the argument of overpopulation (we control the populations of animals; isn't it time we took responsibility to control ours?), but I'd rather tell you about my friend. I paid for her abortion. It wasn't an easy choice to make, but she knew she just couldn't carry the child. Her emotions were a wreck, her family would disown her, she couldn't afford to take time off, and each day it grew inside of her, she hated it more. What about the baby's rights? I believe the existing, mature life (the mother's) is more important than the developing fetus that can't survive outside of the womb. If you really want that unborn child, find a way to transplant it into your body.

Having a choice isn't murder, it's being responsible.

Laura E. Thorpe
freshman

Beliefs Cannot Be Forced On Others

I am writing in response to Dr. Moeller's column "Value of Life Often More Important Than Freedom" [Jan. 27]. Although my first instinct was to debate, point by point, all of Moeller's attacks on the pro-choice view I decided that it would really serve no purpose.

I wondered if the Bulletin was really so desperate for copy that it chose to include a piece which served no purpose but to incur debate. After all, one's view on abortion is something that will never change because it is such an emotional issue on which almost everyone has a very strong opinion. I no longer enter into pro-life/pro-choice arguments for this reason; they do no good. Just as in the case of religion, I will not impart my

beliefs on anyone else as long as they don't attempt to make me believe as they do. The same goes for pro-life or pro-choice. I do not attempt to make pro-life individuals understand why I do not have a problem with abortion, and I have no desire to ridicule someone for their decision to be pro-life.

I am very offended when someone, especially a person of authority like Dr. Moeller, tries to tell me and my pro-choice confederates that we are hypocritical to believe that women should not be able to exercise control over their bodies. Contrary to what Dr. Moeller thinks, without life, there is no freedom.

Amanda Price
freshman

Abel Not Backed Properly By College

I wish to note with sadness that Dan Abel has decided to leave Mary Washington College.

As a faculty member at another institution who has witnessed many battles over politicized personnel procedures, I regret that Dan has decided to move on rather than stay and fight the injustices he feels at the

Sense Of Community Needed For Honor

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Guest Columnist

Within a period of approximately two months, over \$1,100 in valuables was stolen from either this campus or the University of Virginia, as reported last week in the Police Beat section of the Bulletin.

As stated in the Honor System Guidebook, stealing is defined on page three as "the taking of property of another person, or of the college, without authorization or consent. This violation includes, but is not limited to, the theft or mutilation of library materials, and the unauthorized use of a college key."

Pretty simple definition, right? However, stealing is something our parents told us not to do, ever since we were little kids — but still, people steal anyway.

The Honor Council is certainly not ignorant to the fact that people steal, but we obviously do not and will not condone it. We also realize that there is a gap in the system in that people outside of the college community are not bound by the Honor Code. So what can we do about it?

As people who have agreed to abide by the Honor Code upon entering Mary Washington College, it is still our job to promote "an atmosphere of trust and respect vital to the unique sense of community which characterizes the institution," as quoted on page one of the Honor System Guidebook, to the best of our abilities.

We can also take precautions because we are not immune to people violating the Honor Code, whether by a member of the college community or not, as pointed out in last week's Bulletin. Lastly, it is very important to report such incidents. If it involves another student, confront that person and bring it to the attention of the Honor Council president, or report the crime to the police.

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hands of the Biology Department. If the tenure rules can be violated with no faculty protest or oversight, what guarantees can be expected for any aspect of academic freedom and integrity?

Among the violations of procedure noted by both the Tenure and Promotions Committees were that the Biology Department withheld one annual review for a full year after it was required by college rules and was at least six months late on other reviews. Teaching evaluations were made by the faculty on the basis of hearsay evidence apparently because the regular student-based evaluations were unimpeachable and did not fit the department's political "needs" for negative evidence against Professor Abel.

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Seven Reaped Benefits Of Kingston Exchange Program

By Tara Fontanilla
Bulletin Staff Writer

The airplane touched down and groggy students disembarked and stumbled through customs and towards the baggage claim to pick up their backpacks and sets of luggage. Dazed by the time difference, the students went through the motions of finding a cab and beginning a trip in a foreign land.

But their eyes opened wide when they realized that the cars were driving on the wrong side of the street.

So it began for six MWC students who attended England's Kingston University last semester as part of the first-ever exchange program between the two schools. In turn, MWC hosted six Kingston University students during the fall semester, plus a student who attended Kingston for a semester independent of the education exchange program.

Senior Matthew Prohaska said that the first difference he noticed in England was the often-imitated but never-duplicated clipped tones of the British accent. Although Prohaska did not have to learn another language to go abroad, he found that small discrepancies between the American and British dialects resulted in befuddled expressions and laughter.

"The first day I got there, somebody goes, 'Hey! Who's the new bloke?' I was rather offended at first until I found out it meant 'guy,'" Prohaska said.

But the language barrier was only one difference MWC students encountered. The level of academics proved to be rather different than the students expected. Taking courses that MWC approved before the Kingston term began, the students found they had much more free time than they expected.

"I'll put it this way. I was able to do a lot more sightseeing over there than I think the girls [from Kingston who studied here] were able to do," Prohaska said.

"There was a lot less outside work, but there was a lot more discussion and a lot more hands-on," said MWC education student Robin Brumm.

MWC Assistant Professor of Education Adrienne May traveled to Kingston last year to set up the program, and said in a September interview with the Bulletin that she hoped both the Kingston and MWC students involved in the exchange program would be able to relate their experiences abroad to their teaching careers.

"It is crucial for all people preparing to teach to recognize how much culture affects what goes on in a classroom. Although we address those issues in our education courses,

that discussion does not equal three months in a foreign culture," May said. The MWC students took classes that applied to their majors and their education certification.

Most students took classes in performing arts, educational seminars and Curriculum Issues — a class that dealt with segregation, racism, and similar classroom topics.

While junior Rebecca LeLeune said she believes the Kingston classes are too different to compare with classes at MWC, senior Amy Ostroth said that classes are tailored to fit the needs of education students.

"The core academic and education program are together, whereas here, I have an English major and then, totally separate from that, I have an education certification. Most



Courtesy Photo

The students visited the Eiffel Tower in Paris.

of the English classes [at Kingston] were designed for people who intend to teach," Ostroth said.

The MWC students found one aspect of the school that reminded them of home: direct interaction with professors.

"Everyone calls the professors by their first name, because there are only five or six professors for the whole four years, so [Kingston students] have them over and over again," Ostroth said.

Ostroth added that while the MWC education students lived in residence halls on the Kingston campus, they had single rooms.

MWC junior history major Becky Taber lived off campus, but observed that the British were different from Americans in other ways.

"The people were more reserved, but they were always very helpful," she said.

All of the students visited London and took advantage of the local transportation system to visit places like Edinburgh, Scotland and Paris.

Many of the students preferred to visit historic settings. "We saw the art and museums and all the castles we possibly could," Brumm said.

The British do spend some of their free time like their American counterparts, indulging in what they call "pub crawls." Although MWC students found the habit familiar, they discovered that the British had different attitudes regarding drinking.

"Socially, it's a bit different because in England the drinking age is 18. It's no big deal to go out and drink," said LeLeune.

Ostroth said, "Nobody ever gets drunk on a pub crawl. People are more liberal about [drinking]."

This three month experience fulfilled aspirations that May had hoped for; students not only were exposed to a different culture and its people, but they also opened their minds to the value of studying abroad.

But as a future American educator, Brumm summed up what the other students felt. "After having been to Shakespeare's Stratford, I feel that I can teach better if I know what I'm talking about," she said.

MWC Grants Aid To Students Studying Abroad

By Bridget Malone
Special to the Bulletin

Every May, exams end and most MWC students return home to work at summer jobs at the mall, catch rays of sun and save money for the coming school year.

But this summer, the college is paying for five MWC students to travel to Europe, Africa and Asia.

Juniors Andrew Crisp, Nicole Girvin, Joshua Sosin, senior Kevin Crosby, and sophomore Maria Webb will be taking classes in cities that span three continents this summer, due in part to the \$1,000 grant they each won from the Committee on International Programs in January.

Reflecting the diversity of world cultures, students will visit countries throughout Europe, Asia and Africa.

Crisp plans to spend his four weeks studying Biblical Hebrew in Jerusalem, while Crosby will do individual historical research in London.

Girvin will also spend five weeks in London, but she will be studying marketing and economic development in that country before undertaking a nine week internship.

Sosin, who will study Latin in an on-site course in Rome for six weeks, said, "It became crystal clear to me that as a Latin major, it is impossible to learn about the classics without seeing both places."

Webb decided to study the people and culture of West Africa in the Ivory Coast for four weeks. She lived in Africa until she was nine years old and has wanted to return ever since.

Webb feels that fate must be on her side, because before she left Africa, she kissed all four walls of her living room in accordance with an African proverb which claims "if you kiss all four walls of your living room before you leave, you will one day return to Africa."

Eighteen MWC students vied to win the grant from the Committee on International Programs. Brenda S. King, director of the office of international programs, explained that the students had to have a minimum grade point average of a 3.0 and write an essay detailing why the students wanted to go abroad and where they would like to go.

According to King, the grant money can be used for anything that the students need it for — except tuition.

The students may use the money for travel, living expenses, room and board and books.

Crosby said that the grant money is a big incentive for students who are contemplating studying abroad.

"I was pleased to get the grant because I probably wouldn't have been able to go over [to London] without support," Crosby said.

Sosin said that he believes MWC is under an obligation to help support students who are considering studying abroad.

"Studying abroad will always be a better learning experience than all four years at Mary Washington College. It is expensive so the school must provide more grants and opportunities to go abroad," he said.

Before the students leave for the summer, they must prepare for the experiences awaiting them overseas.

Webb said she will brush up on her French so that she can understand the classes she will be taking. Crosby wrote a project proposal and is currently doing secondary research in preparation for the massive research paper he will write while in London.

But Sosin feels the extra work is worth the trouble.

"Remember that when the school sends someone abroad, they are sending a representative of the school," Sosin said.

Give Pets As Gifts? Think Again

Local Animal Shelter Warns Cute Puppies Can Make Bad Gifts

By Tuesday Cromer
Special to the Bulletin

MWC junior Maya Hallersat under her tree opening presents Christmas morning, expressing delight and gratitude at the gifts she received after opening each. But Haller said she was more than a little surprised when she received a puppy that Christmas morning.

"He was adorable, but I hadn't planned on getting a dog just then," Haller said.

She was thankful that a nearby ranch had room for one more pup. "Otherwise, he would probably have been [euthanized]," she added.

It is for that reason that Tammy Shackelford, manager of the Fredericksburg SPCA, does not want people adopting pets to give as gifts.

"People return them just like other unwanted gifts. We even get a lot in from pet stores," Shackelford said.

But a well-meant surprise turned into a disappointment for senior Sean Mahoney, who gave his girlfriend a puppy for Christmas. His girlfriend, who was originally delighted at the prospect of owning a pet decided that

she was not ready for the responsibility of raising a precocious puppy.

"If you do not have a stable environment, a large backyard and a lot of time, do not get a dog for yourself or someone else," Mahoney said.

But Ray Bohlayer, part owner of the Creatures and Critters Pet Shop, said he believes pets can be appropriate gifts when they have been discussed and planned for. He did, however, stress that cats and dogs are a 10- to 15-year investment, and the costs do not end with the original purchase.

"We want the animal to go to a loving home and we want an informed customer who will ask questions about what they are getting into," Bohlayer said.

Christmas is not the only time of year animals are bought and returned. Every day, local animal control offices and non-profit organizations are working to care for and relocate unwanted pets.

Senior officer Tom Worthy of the Fredericksburg Animal Control said, "Pets are a lifetime commitment. We

cannot treat them as another part of a throw-away society."

A cooperative arrangement providing a link between the City of Fredericksburg and Stafford County is beneficial, but the numbers are still rising.

The Stafford County facility handled 929 dogs and 1,129 cats during the 1991-92 fiscal year. Of these animals, 548 dogs and 565 cats had to be euthanized.

"We are very fortunate that at the [Stafford] pound we try to keep the facility full to give each animal every chance to be redeemed or adopted," Worthy said.

When an animal, usually a dog or a cat, is brought in by a citizen, it is examined, inoculated, held, then put up for adoption, according to Worthy.

Stafford County Shelter Manager Donna Hart said that it is a sad fact that homes cannot be found for all of the animals. She explained that dogs are kept for about three weeks before they are humanely destroyed, and cats (because overcrowding occurs faster) are kept for approximately 10 days.

"[Dogs and cats] get depressed in

here sometimes," Hart said. "It's not fair to keep them caged for an extended period."

She stressed that there are forms of humane euthanasia and that the Stafford County Shelter uses a lethal injection of sodium pentobarbital.

Last November, the Fredericksburg SPCA took in 137 dogs, adopted out 47, euthanized 38, and the rest were redeemed or remain there.

"There is a constant flow of animals coming in, and it is frustrating to see the same people bringing in eight puppies or kittens two times a year knowing that they all can't be saved," Shackelford said.

Hart said that there are a lot of reasons why people return to the shelters and lately those reasons have been economic. She also suggested, however, that people's carelessness and selfishness bring pets to the shelter through the hands of thoughtless people.

Shackelford agreed. "People need to stop and think, because it always ends up with the unwanted animal paying the price," Shackelford said.



Jessica Whitehurst cuddles a kitten in front of the SPCA

SPORTS

SPORTS BRIEFS

Posey Reaches Milestone

On Saturday, Mary Washington senior Steve Posey scored his 1,000th career point on a bounce pass from guard David Carey at the 16:15 mark of the first half. Posey's point total stands at 1,041, which ranks him seventh on the all-time MWC scoring list. The forward has also led the team in each of his first three years in rebounding. His career total now stands at 591, which ranks him 6th all-time. Posey has been an ironman for the Eagles, only missing one game in his four years.



Steve Posey

Swimmers Get Drowned

Both the men's and women's swimming teams took tough losses at the hands of Gettysburg College, losing by identical scores of 144-62. The women's record fell to 7-3, while the men's fell to 5-5. The Eagles only had two winners: Amanda Dresser in the 200 yard butterfly with a time of 2:16.38, and Sarah King in the 200 yard backstroke (2:14.57). The men were shut out with no first place finishes.

Sunday's Men B-Ball Box Score

Bison 103, Eagles 90
at Gallaudet Field House
Gallaudet 53 50 103
MWC 34 56 90

MWC MEN

White 7-0-19 Warren 1-12-14 Carey 0-0-0 DeRose 0-0-0 Pate 2-7-11 Posey 6-3-16 Holston 1-1-3 Seward 7-5-23 Zenker 1-2-4
FG% MWC 34% (25 for 74) GU 51% (37 for 73) 3 pt. FG% MWC 45% (14 for 31) GU 45% (13 for 29) FT% MWC 74% (26-35) GU 59% (16-27)
Rebounds MWC 40 (Pate, Posey 9) GU 55 (Kent 12) Assists MWC 13 (Warren 6) GU 23 (Jones 12)
Turnovers MWC 14 (White, Warren, Pate 3) GU 16 (Bergam 5) Blocks MWC 3 (Warren 2) GU 3 (Floeder, Gilbert, Kent 1) Steals MWC 6 (White 4) GU 11 (Jones 5)

Saturday's Women B-Ball Box Score

Eagles 83, Spartans 79 (OT)
at Goolrick Gymnasium
MWC 30 43 10 83
York 31 42 6 79

MWC WOMEN

Alexander 3-0-6 May 10-4-24 Paige 7-5-19 Teter 4-7-15 Coates 3-1-7 Turley 1-2-4 Gleisner 3-2-8
FG% MWC .469 (31 for 66) YC .448 (30 for 67)
3-pt. FG% MWC .125 (1 for 8) YC .000 (0 for 2)
FT% MWC .563 (18-32) YC .750 (21-28)
Rebounds MWC 34 (Paige 9) YC 61 (Capetta 19)
Assists MWC 17 (Coates 6) YC 13 (Wise 6)
Turnovers MWC 24 (Teter 8) YC 24 (Wise 6)
Blocks MWC 7 (Gleisner 4) YC 2 (Foley, Chandler 1) Steals MWC 25 (Teter 7) YC 16

Upcoming Events...

- Feb. 5 Men's Basketball at Marymount University, 3 p.m.
Women's Basketball at Marymount University, 1 p.m.
Men's/Women's Swimming vs. Washington & Lee University at Goolrick Gym, 2 p.m.
- Feb. 6 Women's Basketball at Gallaudet, 3 p.m.
- Feb. 8 Men's Basketball vs. Gallaudet University at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Gallaudet University at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.
- Feb. 10 Men's Basketball vs. Goucher College at Goolrick Gym, 8 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Salisbury St. University at Goolrick Gym, 6 p.m.

Eagles Find York A Cure For Ailments

By Bryan Tucker
Assistant Sports Editor

Having her hand in all of MWC's 10 points in overtime, sophomore guard Stefanie Teter took control of the game and led MWC to victory over York, 83-79, in Goolrick Gymnasium Saturday afternoon.

"I thought she really made the difference. She's been stepping up in a couple of the last few games and really getting things to work for us," said Connie Gallahan, head coach of the women's basketball team.

Teter scored the Eagles' final four points, including a full-court steal and lay-up with 37 seconds left, and two free throws with ten seconds left to secure the victory for the home team. She scored eight of her 15 points in the extra period, to help the women's basketball team to its best start in team history at 12-2 (3-1 CAC).

Things looked bleak for the Eagles as senior center Chris Gleisner fouled out at the 1:53 mark in the second half with MWC clutching to only a three-point lead, 70-67. The lead was shortlived as York tied at 71 and 73 to force overtime at 73 all. Junior forward Jeanette Alexander had a chance to win it in the closing seconds, but she missed the front end of a one-and-one.

"We were not playing as well as we could have, three of the five starters were sick, and it was a long week (three games)," said Gleisner.

The women's basketball team battled from a 46-34 deficit in the second half, producing a 21-8 run to take the lead, 53-52, on Chris Paige's lay-up at the 9:09 mark. Neither York nor MWC could muster anything bigger than a four-point lead the rest of the game.

For MWC to even be in the

position to win the game was incredible, considering York had a total of 31 offensive rebounds to the Eagles' 34 total rebounds. The York forward combination of Beisy Roberts and Rebecca Capetta combined for 36 points and 33 rebounds, 20 of which were offensive.

"We did not play much of an inside game, we could have boxed out better," said Gleisner.

Junior guard Corinne May sparked the Eagles with 24 points, followed by senior guard Chris Paige's 19 points, nine rebounds, and six steals. Gleisner had eight points and four blocks, and sophomore guard Robin Coates had seven points and six assists.

On the night of Jan. 27, the women's basketball team avenged a ten-game losing streak to Christopher Newport University, defeating the Lady Captains 109-89 at Goolrick Gymnasium.

May set a new school record Thursday night with 38 points on 17-of-30 shooting, breaking Kim Nagy's old school record of 33 against Christopher Newport in the 1990-91 season. Gleisner added 18 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. Alexander had 16 points and 13 boards, Paige had 16 points, and Teter had 11 points and eight assists.

"Corinne is a scorer, she will find a way to score, and she found a lot of ways to score against them," said Gallahan.

A 21-4 run in the second half broke the game open for the Eagles and allowed them to run away with the victory. May broke the 100-point mark on her free throws at the 3:08 mark, as this game was the highest offensive output of the season for the women's basketball team.



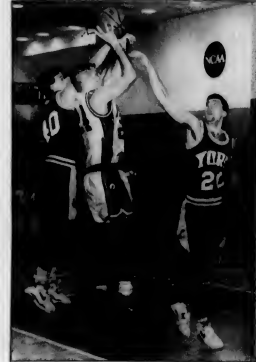
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Lady Captains' guard Karen Barefoot had 23 points and 12 assists trying to be the first male or female basketball player in NCAA history to end their career with 2,000 points and 1,000 assists. The Eagles have a rough week ahead playing three games in four days, including another showdown with Marymount on Saturday.

Bouncing back from being blown out their two previous home games, the men's basketball team showed a newly found intensity on both sides of the ball to defeat the York Spartans, 89-79, at Goolrick Gymnasium on Saturday afternoon.

"I thought we had a good solid game," said Tom Davies, the coach of men's basketball.

A 10-2 run to begin the second half allowed MWC to take their



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Above: Corinne May beats everyone to the basket for two of her school-record 38 points on Thursday. Left: Jamie Warren lofts his shot over two York defenders in Saturday's win.

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Gallahan Wins Her 200th

By Rob Moore
Bulletin Staff Writer

The year was 1977. Jimmy Carter was President. Disco and polyester were king. And the Buffalo Bills hadn't even played in a Super Bowl yet, much less lost any.

Meanwhile, in Fredericksburg, the Mary Washington College women's basketball team hadn't won a single game in nearly three years.

Enter Connie Gallahan. Fast forward to January 15, 1994. The Eagles rout Washington and Lee, 71-29, and present Gallahan with her 200th victory as coach of MWC.

"I've been here long enough to get 200 wins," said Gallahan. "It feels real good to win and to have more wins than losses. It makes you feel like you've definitely accomplished something."

What Gallahan has accomplished in her tenure with MWC is quite remarkable. A native of the Fredericksburg area, she returned from a stint at Virginia Intermont College after teaching and coaching at the school for seven years. She immediately took the reins of the volleyball and

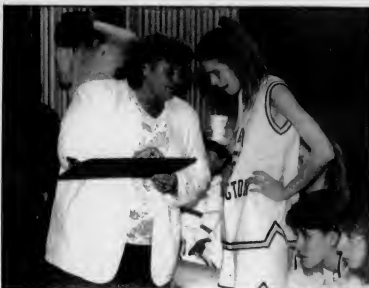
basketball programs at MWC. Before stepping aside in 1986, she guided the MWC volleyball program to a 215-113 record over a 10-year span, including a pair of ECAC Championships.

Such success on the hardwood came more slowly. MWC Athletic Director Ed Hegmann said, "When Connie came in we were low, real low, as a program. But she applied that fiercely competitive mentality of hers."

"She didn't always have the best athletes or the benefit of a deep bench, but she pushed them and gradually, she started attracting better players," continued Hegmann. "She maintained those high expectations and standards and started getting results."

While far from sentimental on the occasion of win 200, Gallahan did reflect on those early days.

"Thinking back on those first couple of years, a few memories stick out," said Gallahan. "My assistant on that first team was a freshman, that's how young we were then. The first five wins were as big as any of the 200."



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Coach Gallahan draws up another win.

As Gallahan spoke of those early teams, she became genuinely moved. "I wish some of the players from the early years when we struggled could have had the benefit of playing with some of the great players we attracted later and won a few more times."

"I can recall one of the teams we had in the mid-80s went 4-20. But they were the best 4-20 team in the country. We only had something like nine players, but they worked so hard. With no depth, we would lose late in the game when they were winded."

In Gallahan's early years, MWC was a member of the Virginia Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, and it was while still a member of that group that the Eagles experienced their initial successes under Gallahan. Her teams claimed three such titles in the early 80s and an ECAC South Region crown in 1984-85.

Despite the memories and the milestones she has enjoyed, Gallahan remains fiercely competitive and admits to wanting a shot at the NCAA tournament. Still, she seems as motivated and excited as when she was going after win 200, much less 200.

"That excitement, that competitiveness doesn't go away. We just won an overtime game a day ago and they're the most fun," she said.

And it's not the titles or awards which stand out for Gallahan. "Most of the rewards of coaching aren't so visible. The plaque and autographed ball (items her current squad gave her following the 200th win) are meaningful, but I've stayed here because of the really excellent women I've had the pleasure of coaching."

And after all these years, what does win 200 mean to Gallahan?

"I smile after wins. It means I've smiled 200 times," she said.

America's Obsession with Number 1

By George Chase
Bulletin Sports Editor



Once again February is upon us and the country is partaking in an annual American tradition. No, not Groundhog Day, but laughing at the perennial Super Bowl bridesmaids, the Buffalo Bills. No one thought it possible that a team could lose four straight Super Bowls, yet it has happened. The answer to why they cannot win the big one probably goes deeper than lack of talent, but instead it is connected to the American belief that winning is everything.

For anyone who believes that the Bills lost because they are not a team of Super Bowl caliber, look at the facts. Four straight conference championships. The best overall record in the 90s. A 51-3 AFC Championship win two years ago. The greatest comeback of all-time last year in the playoffs, spotting the Houston Oilers a 35-3 first-half lead and still winning.

No, it cannot be lack of talent, it must be mental. Is it that the Bills do not think they can win the big one, or that they have been told they can't win the big one? Has America's unhealthy obsession of being No. 1 gotten the best of the Bills?

There was a turning point in this Super Bowl, and it didn't take Dr. Joyce Brothers to figure out that it was psychological. When Thurman Thomas fumbled at the start of the third quarter and the majority of the Bills watched as the Dallas player scampered to the end zone, the game changed. This was the beginning of a 24-0 second-half burst for the Cowboys. Did Dallas suddenly become a better team than Buffalo? No, Buffalo finally believed what the media had been telling them all week long, that they will always be No. 2, and in America that is not good enough.

You don't buy into this unhealthy American stuff? Look at the last two World Series, both with the Toronto Blue Jays. How many times did fans yell, "Those Canadians better not win!" America had to be the best, even though there were no Canadians on the team.

Donnie Moore, star reliever for the California Angels, lost a play-off game in 1986, subsequently denying his team the opportunity to play in the World Series. A few years later he committed suicide, his family and friends said he never got over the loss.

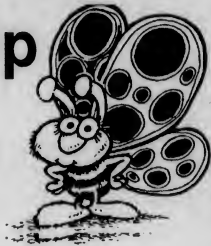
Bill Buckner, owner of the infamous "through the legs" error in the '86 World Series, just moved out of the New England area because he was still receiving insults about the play nine years later.

And what did they miss out on by not being No. 1? Why, the ultimate gift a team can bestow on its city -- the right to looking, burning, stealing and rioting on the night of the victory. Last year, the Chicago police were praying that the Bulls would not win the championship on a Friday night because they feared the

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ENTERTAINMENT

What's Up



February 6: Gospel Extravaganza
Dodd Auditorium; 3-5 p.m.; free admission.

February 8: Presentation, "Black Seamen of the 19th Century"
By Jeff Bolster. Woodard Campus Center, Red Room; 7 p.m., free admission.

February 9: Das EFX with special guest. Concert will be held in the Underground, doors open at 6 p.m.
\$3 MWC students
\$6 general admission.

Movies at Dodd

Fri., Feb. 4 (7:30 & 10 p.m.)
Tues., Feb. 8 (10 p.m.)
"Malcolm X"
Thurs., Feb. 10 (10 p.m.)
Sat., Feb. 12 (10 p.m.)
"Menace II Society"



Local singer/songwriter Pete Mealy relaxes with his acoustic guitar.

Courtesy Photo

Mealy Comes Full Circle With His Music

By Eric Edwards
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

There is much to be said about a man who keeps a large double bass propped in a corner of his dining room. A man whose house is filled with the chatter of an overenthusiastic dog named Dingo who cavors madly about the room. A man who rejects the company of his television by keeping it unplugged, facing it towards the back wall of his closet. Peter Mealy is such a man.

Mealy has performed at Mary Washington on a number of occasions, opening for Tori Amos, Arlo Guthrie, and appearing numerous times in the Eagle's Nest on various Thursday nights. His talents have also led him to perform in some of Fredericksburg's bars, but Mealy says he prefers a concert forum to a bar atmosphere.

"I've played a lot of bars and you have to do a lot of covers, which is fine, but it gets a little touchy if you do a lot of originals," Mealy said.

Mealy is seated on his living room couch grinning broadly, with Dingo communicating loudly to the other canines roaming Willis Street in downtown Fredericksburg. Mealy talked about performing in

Dodd auditorium with Tori Amos.

"That show was really fun because I enjoy playing Celtic, ragtime and jazz, which isn't very effective in a bar but in a concert environment people are expecting something artistic and creative, and they aren't going to be hollering out requests. You don't need to make excuses about what you're doing," he explained between sips of coffee and drags on his Marlboro light.

The bar atmosphere offers too many variables to most musicians, Mealy said. A variety of people are not there to listen to music, and those who are there expect to hear songs they are familiar with.

This was one reason that Mealy created the Fredericksburg Songwriters Showcase. The Showcase is a musical performance by individual singer/songwriters who are invited by Mealy to play above the Picker's Supply (where Mealy works), one Friday night a month for two hours. Mealy explained how it works.

"I just get four singer/songwriters from around the region and I try to keep at least one local musician on the bill every month. They take turns playing two songs each, and then start over again. I mix it up to get more

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MOVIE REVIEW

"Philadelphia"

By Matt Withers

There is no question that "Philadelphia" is a moving film. Leaving the theater, everyone that I saw was crying, (tender weeps to soul-wrenching wails). Despite its emotional strength, however, Philadelphia ultimately cheats the viewer, resulting in anger at being treated so shabbily by a movie you have given your heart to.

If you haven't already heard, here is the basic plot. Tom Hanks plays a hot shot lawyer who is promoted to partner in the firm at the very beginning of the movie. Unbeknownst to his colleagues, he is gay and dying of AIDS. When Hanks' character is fired under suspicious circumstances, he suspects that his partners have discovered his illness and orchestrated his removal because of that fact. Hanks tries to find a lawyer who will represent him, but is continually rejected until Denzel Washington's character, a homophobic lawyer, agrees to take the case. Hanks and Washington play the scrappy underdog motif to the fullest and eventually emerge victorious much to the audience's relief and delight.

You may be asking where the problem is in all of this. First and foremost, Hanks' case is never proven. Inference is thrown around like cowpiles in Texas, but there is no substance. Throughout the trial Hanks' ex-law partners are shown to be completely homophobic but there is no proof that they knew that Hanks was gay or had AIDS. Even in scenes where the audience is allowed to eavesdrop on the partners, there is no incriminating evidence of anything but general bigotry. At the end of the movie all we know for sure is that one partner suspected Hanks had AIDS. That is all we know. He did not share his suspicions with the other partners and it is impossible to say for sure whether the other partners knew or not.

Along the same lines, Hanks and Washington never prove that there was a plot against Hanks. Granted, the likelihood that there was seems very high, but there is no proof. Hanks' firing revolves around a misplaced file. His contention is that the file was deliberately misplaced, and watching the trial, you desperately want for that to be true. You notice incongruities implying that the file was indeed misplaced. Unfortunately, the evidence gives no substance, only shadows. In a nutshell, Hanks wins his case contending that he was set up by his partners and fired from his law firm because they knew he had AIDS without proving his partners set him up or knew he had AIDS.

Not as bothersome, but still working against the movie, is director Jonathan Demme's use of the camera. He has an unfortunate affinity for full face close-ups which achieve little other than giving a detailed view of the insides of character's noses.

There is also a scene in which Hanks tries to explain his love of opera to Washington. Obviously we are to see the event as a beautiful, artistic expression of human pain and suffering, but in all honesty I thought it was just silly. Now some of our die hard nouveau artists will probably be up in arms concerning my "ignorant" opinion, however, these are the same people who judge "art" by its imponderability. So do not be afraid to snicker at the scene; I did.

Demme also uses funky camera angles as well in creating a feeling of disorientation when Hanks is on the stand, and for five minutes the audience is shown just how powerful a camera can be. Too bad the movie exceeds two hours.

"Philadelphia" does have one strong point, however. Washington's character is one of the most compelling characters I have ever seen in a movie. He is a shoo-in for an Oscar nomination. A homophobic lawyer dealing with his own prejudices, Washington's character seems

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A Modern Mutiny

Vietnam Murder Story Compared To "Caine Mutiny"

By Eric Edwards
Bulletin Assistant Entertainment Editor

Jeff Stein finished the remnants of spaghetti on his plate, chased it with milk and strolled into his den. His den, more of a writer's workshop, is home to a mass of books, a fax machine, and a Leading Edge computer, with the manuscript of his newest work in progress gracing the screen. The scene described in the narrow face of the monitor involves a lesbian and a bar. Stein admitted with a smile that he is not sure where to go next.

This will be his first novel. Stein was quick to point out that his first book, "A Murder In Wartime," is a non-fiction work, not a novel.

In a lecture's tone Stein described the method he used to write the book. "It is a dramatic narrative, a true story, where the events are aligned to where there is a beginning, a middle, and an end; conflict and resolution," he said.

Stein said that "A Murder In Wartime" is the account of a 1969 event in which a group of Green Berets working out of Cambodia come to believe that their agent is actually a

double agent working for Hanoi. After a series of interrogations the officers become convinced of his duplicity and with a nod from the CIA they terminate the supposed double agent with extreme prejudice. Due to military politics over who was to have major influence over the Green Berets, the CIA or the Army command, the murder became an international event, much like William Calley and the My Lai incident.

There is a paradox in this story, and Stein capitalized on it. "This was a war measured by body counts, and these highly decorated officers are being tried for the murder of one Vietnamese, so it became a trial of the whole way the war was waged, through extra-legal means and assassinations in back alleys. So from the killing of one

Vietnamese in the jungle, a no account bang-out in the head, came an international incident," Stein said.

Stein's interest in the subject stems from his own years serving as a military intelligence officer in Vietnam from 1966-1969. He began researching for the book while he was the deputy foreign news editor for United Press International (UPI), in Washington D.C. The first step in



Jeff Stein and Scoop

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Mark Phillips and Kim Davis get sentimental at 100th Night.

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the research was to declassify the necessary information by using the Freedom of Information Act. This slow process took him five years, and the actual writing of the book took three years. For his efforts he received many accolades, among which was a full-page book review in "Time Magazine" that calls "A Murder In Wartime," "The best military morality tale since 'The Caine Mutiny,'"

Stein was invited as a guest on the "Larry King Live Show" and said that his book may eventually be a film because he just sold the movie rights.

Stein is a soft spoken man reclining in his leather easy chair while weaving tales of his literary ventures. His

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completely honest throughout the movie. When Hanks first approaches him for representation, Washington refuses. He does not accept the case until he sees Hanks suffer discrimination at a library and realizes that it is very similar to the discrimination that he faces as a black man. Washington is reminded in the scene that whether he approves of gays or not, discrimination is illegal.

The relationship that develops between Washington and Hanks is what makes "Philadelphia" worth seeing. Do not expect a complete turnaround from Washington; at one point when he is involved in defending Hanks, he is asked out by a gay man and nearly starts a fight with the man. Washington's character is probably never going to approve of gays, but he learns that he can interact with homosexual people anyway. One of the most touching moments in the film is when Washington, despite his fears and disgust, embraces Hanks' lover after visiting Hanks in the hospital. The scene is downplayed, but still carries a lot of power.

The ultimate message of "Philadelphia" is hope. It shows a middle ground where all people, even those who disagree on the most fundamental levels, can respect each other. Unfortunately, "Philadelphia" has too many problems to be more than an uncut diamond. I do have to give it extra marks just for having the guts to be named after "the City of Brotherly Love." But still, if you want your money's worth, catch "Philadelphia" on video or at the dollar theater.

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white dog, Scoop the News hound, relaxed on an oriental rug and calmly scanned the room from his vantage point on the floor. Stein stretched back and began to describe the interesting artwork that adorns his study.

One of his favorite pieces hangs on the center of the wall. It is a portrait of a jacksack: a single, simple, black and white photograph of a jacksack's head staring off into the distance. Stein described his affinity for the picture. "It's a very fine portrait, it just happens to be of a jacksack. It appeals to me," he said.

Scoop started to stir from his nap and looked about the room for some attention. He had probably heard the story before. Stein said that he tries to write from eight to 10 hours a day, with many of his breaks taken for the sake of Scoop, who has never adjusted to the indoor life style and would rather be swimming in the river.

The image on the computer screen

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variety," he said. "I have been booked solid since June, and the only person who has played twice is me, because I felt like playing."

Most of Mealy's songs are originals, and not surprisingly many are based on a personal experience of one sort or another. He told the story of a Christmas show he was doing with a number of other musicians, and the group who had hired them had requested that each of the performers do at least one Christmas song. For whatever reason, this prompted him to compose the song, "Santa Got Drunk," from which springs the poignant verse: "He works all year filling orders without pay/Then he gets drunk one night and gives it all away."

He also has a song documenting the problems he encountered while trying to obtain his house. It is titled "Realtor's Blues."

Mealy's house serves not only as a home for Dingo and himself, but also contains a studio where he has recorded his two full length tapes. His first is titled "Common Ground," and his second is an acoustical effort, appropriately named, "No Singing!"

Along with working at Picker's Supply, Mealy teaches private guitar lessons, including some after school workshops in music as part of an arts program set up for Fredericksburg

youth at the Walker-Grant Intermediate school.

Mealy said that one of his most memorable experiences is when he opened up for Arlo Guthrie in Dodd Auditorium last fall.

"Arlo was an especially good gig because when I started playing guitar 22 years ago, I was into the folk scene, and the one player who was probably the biggest influence was Arlo Guthrie. I slaved over learning the guitar parts for 'Alice's Restaurant.' So playing with him was like coming full circle, 20 years later running into someone who was your early inspiration and is now your contemporary, who sees you as a

professional and admires your playing as you admired his," Mealy explained as he sparked another cigarette and took another swig of coffee.

At a recent open-mike-night at the Irish Brigade, Mealy filled in for regular host Sean-Michael Dargan, and his devotion to his music showed clearly in the lines in his face as he sang, and in his gyrations as he moved about the stage. His long black hair bounced around on his head to the beat of the drum. The crowd was sparse at first, but Mealy said that he would rather play to a small attentive crowd such as this, than one that is not interested in his music.

"I slaved over learning the guitar parts for 'Alice's Restaurant.'"

- Pete Mealy
singer

FINANCE page 1

qualified."

The Finance Committee handles about 85 percent of the total comprehensive fund—over a quarter million dollars. These funds are allocated every spring to various recognized student organizations. According to the committee's present constitution, funded organizations and activities must be open to the entire student body and must not be politically or religiously affiliated.

Associate Dean for Student Activities and Director of the Campus Center Cedric Rucker, administrative adviser to the Finance Committee, said that the committee allocates funds every spring during budget hearings.

The committee keeps approximately \$60,000 as a reserve which includes the speaker fund and money that can be used to fund special events for student organizations which request additional funding.

"[The finance committee] can't give it all away because during the course

of the year, they do keep a reserve for programs, requests and proposals that might evolve," Rucker said.

Academic Affairs Chairwoman and Finance Committee member Maureen Singer said, "We won't pay for all the members of your club to go bowling or out to dinner, but we will pay for your club to sponsor a dance. Finance money is for club development."

Although Sutton and the other committee members present at the senate meeting said that all the Finance members are completely behind the proposed changes, Ornstein abstained from voting on the proposed constitution. Ornstein said he is not opposed to the Finance committee breaking from SA but said he does oppose campus-wide elections for committee members.

"I don't favor [the campus] selecting members. I'm a minority but I'm not going to ruin [the committee's] hard work just because my suggestion didn't pass," Ornstein said.

Another proposed change would

eliminate the automatic seats given to the SA president and vice president. If the people holding those offices in the future wanted to serve on the committee, they would have to run for a seat against the other students nominated.

Mullins said she believes this is a good idea. "When you put people automatically on a committee like that, you're going to have someone that doesn't want to do it. And it's definitely a conflict of interest — there's no doubt about that," she said. Ornstein agreed. "It will relieve me of the burden to serve on the committee," he said.

Rucker said he hopes the changes are passed by senate and accepted by the student body. "When I went to school here, [the committee] was called the SA finance committee. Over the course of time, it has been an evolution to make the process much more democratic. It's not necessarily a closed group anymore," he said.

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first lead of the game, 49-46, on Steve Posey's three-point. The Eagles stretched the lead to 15 on six straight MWC points scored by junior forward Jamie Warren, capped off by Jeremy White's free throw at the 1:39 mark.

The MWC lead was whittled by York to nine, 82-73, at the 1:09 mark; however, freshman guard Sean Somerville and sophomore forward Steve Carhart hit eight of nine free throws to keep the Spartans at bay and win their third-straight CAC game.

"York is clearly less athletic than the first two teams (Salisbury State and Shenandoah)," Davies said, "York does not play that kind of pace."

York (8-9, 4-3 CAC) had as much as a nine-point lead in the first half, taking only a 42-36 lead into the half thanks to senior guard Elgin Holston's three-pointer with 1:02 left in the half. Also in the first half, Posey broke the 1,000 point barrier at the 16:15 mark, scoring on a lay-up from an assist from sophomore guard Dave Carey.

Warren paced the Eagle attack with 23 points and eight rebounds, followed by Scott Pate's 19 points and nine

rebounds. MWC shot a blistering 74 percent (17 for 23) from the floor in the second half and 6 overall for the game.

In Thursday night's action, it was a totally different story, as Shenandoah guard Phil Dixon poured in 39 points on 16-of-19 shooting and dished out 15 assists in the 121-94 Eagle loss.

Four MWC players reached double figures led by Holston's 21, Warren's 18, Posey's 15, and White's 12 points and nine assists. This did not match Shenandoah shot 63 percent from the floor, including three dunks by Al White, who scored 28 points.

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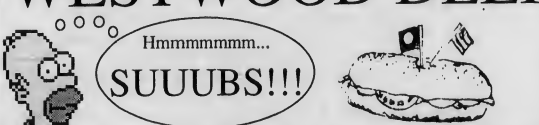
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